I hood in which the applicant or applicants propose to conduct business under the license applied for, in which the person certifying shall each state his or her place of residence or place of business: that he or she is over twentyone years of age; how long he or she has known the applicant or applicants; that he or she believes the statements contained in the application to be true; that from his or her knowledge of the applicant or applicants, and his or her acquaintance with him or them, he or she believes the applicant or applicants is or are a proper person or persons to have the license herein provided for, and he or she accordingly recommends the issuing of the license applied for; but where a person signs more than one application and a license has actually been issued under one of such applications, his name shall not be considered on the other applications, and as to them, his signature shall be treated as a nullity and disregarded by the court, and in cases where a person has signed more than one application and no license has been issued as above mentioned, the court shall decide upon which application his name shall be considered. and when the court shall have determined the application upon which his name shall be considered, his signature upon others shall be disregarded, it being the intent of this Act that no person shall validly sign more than one application; but this section shall not apply to wholesale dealers nor to brewers.

Upon the filing of such application and certificate the applicant or applicants shall pay to the clerk with whom the same are filed the sum of two dollars, to be applied to paying the expense of advertising as hereafter provided for, and thereupon such clerk shall, upon the first day of June, if such license is for twelve months, or upon the first day of December if such license is for six months, publish a notice in some newspaper published in said county for two successive weeks, giving notice that the applicant or applicants have filed such application, specifying the kind of license applied for and the place where the business is to be conducted, and stating that unless cause to the contrary is shown in writing on or before the fifteenth day of June or December next ensuing, as the case may be, the license applied for, if approved and directed to be issued by the court, will be issued; and if the Circuit Court shall approve and order the granting and issuing of such license to the applicant or applicants, it shall be the duty of the clerk to